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Mysuru to get hi-tech blood plasma extraction machine

Facility to help people who are desperate for plasma from COVID-recovered patients

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (MTY&BCT)- Plasma therapy for critically ill COVID-19 patients is set to get a boost in Mysuru as a new Apheresis machine to extract blood plasma will arrive in city this afternoon or evening. The consignment has already left Solapur in Maharashtra.

It is called Apheresis Single Door Platelet and Plasma Machine and its arrival is significant as Mysuru can move forward head on to tackle the menace of Coronavirus.

About Apheresis: Apheresis is the process of collecting specific blood components such as plasma, using a cell-separating machine.

These machines separate the plasma for collection and return the remaining components (red cells, white cells, and platelets) to the donor. The collection of plasma by Apheresis is known as Plasmapheresis. This process allows collection of a greater amount of plasma than can be separated from individual whole blood donations.

DGCI clearance: The state-of-the-art machine is being procured by Jeevadhara Blood Bank near Government Ayurveda College on Sayyaji Rao Road. "Though some hospitals in city have procured such machines in the past, they do not have permission from Drugs Controller General of India (DGCI) to extract plasma to treat COVID patients. Ours is the first institute in Mysuru to have the required permissions and licences to extract plasma," Senior Trustee of Jeevadhara Blood Bank Manoj Kumar told *Star of Mysore*.

(See PLASMA on page 6)

The state-of-the-art plasma extraction machine that is coming to Mysuru today.

Egg prices head north in city

Doctors' advice to eat eggs to boost immunity, supply shortage contribute to price increase

A trader at Devaraja Market displays egg stocks.

Mysuru, Sept.20 (RKB&SSV)- Doctors' advice to eat eggs daily to boost immunity to fight COVID-19 and shortage of supply as many birds were culled in the past following bird flu scare have shot up egg prices in Mysuru.

Each egg is sold at Rs.6 to Rs. 6.25 in the retail market, an increase of Re. 1 to Rs. 1.50 when compared to previous months. There is a difference of Re. 1 per egg between wholesale and retail market. In the wholesale market, the prices are Rs. 130 for 24 eggs and Rs.60 to Rs. 65 per dozen. In the retail market, eggs are sold between Rs. 6 and Rs. 6.25 per egg.

V. Sheshanarayana, sales promotional officer, National Egg Coordination Committee, Mysuru told *Star of Mysore* that a major portion of egg stocks is diverted to Maharashtra which is reporting the maximum number of COVID-19 positive cases and casualties in the country.

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To Our Readers

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	**626**
Total positive cases	:	**29,303**
Discharges yesterday	:	**1,018**
Total discharges	:	**23,432**
Deaths yesterday	:	**12**
Total deaths	:	**679**
Total active cases	:	**5,192**

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 20th September 2020

Animal adoption continues

Mysuru, Sept. 20- The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee:

Dr. H.T. Prashanth, Raichur - Leopard Cat - Rs. 5,000; H.D. Jagan Mohan, Mysuru - King Cobra - Rs. 7,000; Inner Wheel Club Mysore South East - 2 Love Birds - Rs. 2,000; Samyuktha Lions Club of Mysore Palace City Club - Love Bird - Rs. 1,000; Sauchishonashreya, son of J. Mahesh, Mysuru - Peacock - Rs. 3,500; S.R. Satish Chandra, Mysuru - White Peacock - Rs. 3,500; Mohammed Hamdan, Mysuru - Cockatiel - Rs. 1,000.

Renewal: Veda Krishna Murthy, Bengaluru (Indian Women's Cricketer) has renewed adoption of Indian Leopard (Bhavana) for the 4th time for a period of one year by making a payment of Rs. 35,000 as adoption fee, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The masks had a message, when en route to winning the US Open Naomi Osaka, ranked the highest paid female athlete on the planet wore seven of those with the names of seven black people who have been victims of violence. Seven matches, seven masks, seven names. She felt the point was to make people start talking. And they certainly did that, all over the world.

The masks themselves were the message, when Lady Gaga donned a wacky variety of them at the MTV Video Music Awards, including a galactic pink mask with ventilation and something resembling a fishbowl. Seven appearances, seven masks — she did for masks what designers like Dior and Chanel have been doing for fashion forever. She told audiences world over, wear a mask, it's a sign of respect.

By now it's well established that wearing a mask reduces risk of COVID both for you and those around you (so long as the mask fits properly). It rebuilds economies. So what explains the research suggesting that men are less likely to wear face masks than women? Is this because men have a lesser sense of responsibility or a greater sense of invulnerability? More useful than sweeping generalisations would be different social agents pulling together to push behavioural change. To convince a larger population that, as Sunny Leone annotated a social media selfie with a mask, "Safe is the new COOL." —In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Photo-like pencil drawings of Emanuele Dascanio

Milan: Emanuele Dascanio, a super-talented artist, is gaining a lot of attention for his graphite and charcoal pencil drawings which look like high-resolution black-and-white photographs. Looking at some of Dascanio's masterpieces, it's easy to see why he sometimes takes hundreds of hours to complete a single piece. He often works 12 to 14 hours a day, often sacrificing his private life for art, but he sees it as an investment, if he sows a lot today, he'll have more results to harvest in the future. The level of detail he is able to achieve using simple pencils is mind-blowing, making it easy to understand why is considered one of the most gifted hyperrealists of this generation.

Emanuele Dascanio has won numerous awards for his breathtaking drawings, and has exhibited his creation in art galleries all over the world. His artworks are highly sought-after by private collectors.

T. Rex skeleton expected to fetch up to $8M at York auction

New York: One of the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex (T.Rex) skeletons in the world is headed for the auction block in New York and is expected to sell for between $6 million and $8 million. Auction house Christies said the T. Rex skeleton, dubbed "Stan" in honour of Stan Sacrison, the amateur paleontologist who found the bones in 1987, will be auctioned Oct. 6 as part of the 20th Century Evening Sale. It measures 13 feet high, 40 feet long and is composed of 188 bones, making it one of the most complete skeletons of the species in the world.

Stan is currently on display 24 hours a day in the windows at Christie's Rockefeller Centre in New York. James Hyslop, head of Christie's Science & Natural History Department, said the auction marks "a once in a generation chance."

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What causes food to move through my intestines?

The movement of digesting food through the alimentary canal is called peristalsis. The body's nervous system governs the nerve impulses that trigger rhythmic contractions of the bowel at the rate of 3 to 12 times per minute. Amazingly, these constant pulsations occur without our feeling them.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	94
Total positive cases	:	9,001
Total discharges	:	7,324
Total deaths	:	92
Total active cases	:	1,585

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	72
Total positive cases	:	3,426
Total discharges	:	2,686
Total deaths	:	62
Total active cases	:	667

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	38
Total positive cases	:	2,215
Total discharges	:	1,800
Total deaths	:	31
Total active cases	:	384

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	19
Total positive cases	:	13,248
Total discharges	:	9,958
Total deaths	:	243
Total active cases	:	3,047

Really...?

- *The first zoo to open in the United States was in New York. The year was 1860, and it was called the Central Park Zoo.*
- *London founded the Zoological Society of London in 1828, and the name was abbreviated to "zoo."*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *I Love you*
Girl: *I don't Love you*
Boy: *Think again?*
Girl: *I told you. No no & no*
Boy: *Waiter, bring separate bills.*
Girl: *Ok ok.. I Love you too!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.56
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.03
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.03
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.12

VOICE OF THE READER

Importance of registering nomination in banks

Sir,

One recent incident by my close relative on claiming amount from the SB account of the deceased prompted me to write this letter.

My uncle expired last month due to old age. He had all his accounts and transactions in one of the nationalised banks. His family members approached his bank to claim the deposits and contents of locker. Since my uncle had nominated his term deposits, which were renewed periodically, there was no issue in settling the amounts held in these deposits.

However the problem started in his SB account and locker account which were opened more than four decades ago. Since the present AOF for SB, locker and term deposits has a provision to appoint or reject nomination/s, the claims are being settled without any legal hurdles.

Banker takes care of KYC of legal heir/s and transfers the amount to them which is the easiest procedure for both banker and depositor.

You can imagine the position if there is no nomination in old accounts and hence I wish to explain the importance of registering nomination particularly in old accounts in banks (namely SB and locker) to avoid problems to their legal heir/s.

Customers need to obtain acknowledgement for having registered their nomination. Issuing signed acknowledgement, with serial number, is also mandatory for the bank.

Contents of this letter, if read casually, appears very small issue, but imagine the plight of the legal heirs if the claim has to be made without nomination by approaching related Government Office/s, which frustrate general public for one reason or the other.

Besides this, one can avoid visiting bank on several occasions. Above mentioned relative of mine is still unable to claim the legitimate amount and continues in the process of approaching various offices.

The frustration is clearly visible whenever he calls me seeking for my help and guidance. Hence my request to all *SOM* readers to re-visit their deposit account/s and lockers with special reference to old running accounts. This vital information need to be shared with our relatives and friends also.

—Ashok Nayak
V V Mohalla
16.9.2020

Theatre legend B.V. Karanth's birthday is now Bharatiya Theatre Music Day

Marking the birthday of theatre legend B.V. Karanth, Rangayana had organised a programme yesterday. Model of proposed B.V. Karanth Multi-theatre Complex was showcased on the occasion. Anitha Cariappa (from left), senior theatre artistes Mime Ramesh, Paramashivan, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, Joint Director of Rangayana Mallikarjuna Swamy and others are seen in the picture.

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (SPN&SD)- Senior Theatre artiste Srinivasa Kappanna lauded Rangayana's decision to celebrate theatre legend B.V. Karanth's birthday as 'Bharatiya Theatre Music Day.'

Speaking as a chief guest at a programme organised by Rangayana at Bhoomigeetha, on the occasion of B.V. Karanth's birthday here yesterday, Kappanna said, "Elected representatives and theatre artistes should come together and urge the State Government to officially declare Karanth's birthday as Bharatiya Theatre Music Day."

"B.V. Karanth is known to have composed music for a large number of plays in many Indian languages including Kannada, Malayalam, Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali and others. He not only infused *desi* touch to theatre but also introduced Indian theatre to the western world," he said.

Later, senior artiste of Gubbi Drama Company Paramashivan read the slogan composed for Bharatiya Theatre Music Day and lauded the efforts of Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa's decision to celebrate Karanth's birthday as Bharatiya Theatre Music Day (Bharatiya Ranga Sangeeta Dina).

"After working all over the country in the field of theatre, Karanth returned here and established Rangayana in Mysuru. He has inspired a large number of junior theatre artistes and has also composed music to plays written by a number of senior littérateurs," he said.

Rangayana Director Cariappa later addressed the gathering and Rangayana artistes rendered theatre songs composed by B.V. Karanth. Senior theatre artiste Srinivasa Bhat (Cheeni) was felicitated on the occasion.

Joint Director of Rangayana Mallikarjuna Swamy and MLC A.H. Vishwanath were also present. B.V. Karanth has composed music to seven plays in Rangayana.

These theatre songs have now been rendered by Rangayana artistes, which have been recorded and will be telecast today and tomorrow at Rangayana's website *www.rangayana.org.*

> Instead of telecasting events related to artistes caught in the web of drug mafia, media should stream more and more programs related to music, literature and theatre. I think media needs some introspection in this regard."
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> **— Senior Theatre Artist Srinivasa Kappanna**
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> Music has no religion and one need not be a scholar to appreciate it."
>
> **— Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa**

Artistes rendering theatre songs composed by B.V. Karanth at Rangayana last evening.

No schools, colleges till Sept. 30

Bengaluru, Sept. 20 (SSV)- The Department of Public Instruction has ruled out the commencement of schools and colleges from Monday in the wake of spike in Corona positive cases.

In a press release here, S.R. Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Department of Public Instruction has said considering the current situation, the schools and colleges will remain close till the end of current month. Hitherto, they had plans to re-open the educational institutions from Sept. 21, but the idea has been shelved. The students have been asked not to visit schools and colleges as there is no dip in positive cases.

The Government of India had issued guidelines recently permitting the opening of schools and colleges for 9th standard to 12th standard students from Sept. 21. On that basis, the State Government had planned to start 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th standard classes from Monday and had issued an order to this effect. With no decrease in Corona cases in Karnataka, the order has been withdrawn.

Over 4,000 cases settled at mega e-Lok Adalat in city, district

Total relief of Rs.31.33 crore announced

Second JMFC Judge Munirathnamma who settled 563 cases at the mega e-Lok Adalat yesterday.

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (PM&DM)- As many as 4,096 cases were settled at the mega e-Lok Adalat held through video-conference, at City and Taluk Courts across the district yesterday.

The e-Lok Adalat was conducted following a directive from Karnataka State Legal Services Authority and all the proceedings were held through video conference.

The Courts in the city and taluks had marked 8,960 cases, which were pending at pre-litigation stage in Courts, out of which 4,096 cases, many of them related to land disputes were settled yesterday, with the declaration of total relief of Rs.31.33 crore, according to senior Civil Judge and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane.

The day-long mega e-Lok Adalat was held at 30 benches in the City and District Court complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard Road and at Jayanagar (Malalawadi) Court Complex and also at 22 benches in all Taluk Courts of the district.

NEWS BRIEFS

Objections invited

As the taluk's Maidanahalli Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society has ceased to function, the Co-operation Department has appointed B. Raju as Liquidation Officer of the Society. Although years have passed since the Liquidation Order was issued, it is found that no efforts have been made either by the Society members or other members of the public, for reviving the Society. As such, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has decided to cancel Registration of the Society. However, the Society members or other members of the public who still have interest in reviving the Society, can file objections, if any, in writing, within 15 days. The Co-operation Department will go ahead with the cancellation of Registration and any objections received after the 15-day deadline will not be considered, according to a press release from the Liquidation Officer.

Power disruption

As CESC has taken up quarterly maintenance works at 220 KV Kushalnagar Power Station on Sept. 21 between 10 am and 5 pm, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas: Bylakuppe, Mutturu, Malangi, Chowthi, Chittenahalli, Kampalapura, Keranahalli, Panchavalli, Doddabelalu, Hunsavadi, Punadahalli, Naviluru, Chankal, Avarthi, all villages coming under Koppa Grama Panchayat limits and surrounding areas.

Also, emergency maintenance works have been taken up at 11 KV Lakshmipuram Feeder of 66/11 KV South Power Distribution Centre on Sept. 22 between 10 am and 6 pm. Hence, power supply will be disrupted at Lakshmipuram, Hosakeri, Sunadakeri, Rehmania Mohalla, Nellur Shed, K.R. Vanam, Medarkeri, Kubarakeri and surrounding areas, according to the CESC N.R. Mohalla Division Executive Engineer.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.65 ft
Yesterday	124.73 ft
Inflow	10,035 cusecs
Outflow	11,118 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,284.00 ft
Inflow	12,208 cusecs
Outflow	12,479 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.51 ft
Inflow	5,819 cusecs
Outflow	6,337 cusecs

City BJP felicitates photojournalists, videographers for COVID fight

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (MTY&DM)- As part of its initiative of honouring Corona Warriors who are at the frontline in the battle against the deadly pandemic, the City BJP felicitated over 35 photojournalists and videographers at a programme organised at Vidyashankara Kalyana Mantapa near Gun House Circle here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who holds Co-operation portfolio, said that it is happy to note that photojournalists and videographers, who are part of Corona Warriors are being felicitated for their role in the fight against the pandemic.

Pointing out that the Centre, in association with the State Government, has come with 'Arthika Spandana,' a financial lending plan for MSME entrepreneurs, marginal farmers, small traders and the like, who are in financial distress due to COVID-19 crisis, Somashekar said that the scheme is aimed at providing an interest-free loan of Rs. 2 lakh to each beneficiary.

Stating that the initiative has already been launched at Bengaluru with the lending of Rs. 15,300 crore to beneficiaries from districts of Bengaluru Revenue Division, he said that 'Arthika Spandana' in respect of Mysuru Revenue Division will take place at Mysuru on Oct. 2, marking Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti.

The Co-operation Department too has come to the aid of the distraught farmers by extending liberal crop loans, he added.

Stating that the Government has decided to meet the medical expenses of Journalists who get infected with Corona virus, Somaskhekar reiterated that the State Government is committed for the welfare of the farming community.

Referring to Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah's allegations against the Government, the Minister said that Siddharamaiah should not make charges outside the House and the Government was ready for replying to his charges if he raised corruption issues in the Legislative Session.

MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President Mangala Somashekar, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, party leaders Jogi Manju, Giridhar and others were present.

2,000 persons to watch Dasara procession inside Palace?

State awaiting approval from Centre

Replying to a query on the State Government seeking permission from the Centre for allowing 2,000 persons to watch Dasara procession inside Mysore Palace, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that the Government has written to the Centre through Mysuru DC seeking permission for 2,000 persons.

But the Centre is yet to give permission for the numbers sought and the State is awaiting a reply from the Centre, he said.

However, there is still time for clearance from the Centre and the State will make necessary arrangements if the Centre gives nod for 2,000 persons or else will allow only the number specified by the Union Government, he added.

Farmers gherao District Minister

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (MTY&DM)- Strongly opposing the amendments to Karnataka Land Reforms, APMC and Labour Acts, farmers, under the banner of Raitha Dalita Karmika Aikya Horata Samiti, gheraoed District Minister S.T. Somashekar when he arrived to take part in the Photoraphers and Videographers felicitation programme organised by the City BJP at Shankar Mutt near Gun House Circle here yesterday.

The activists, led by Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shantakumar, presented a memorandum to the Minister urging the Government to repeal the recent amendments terming it as detrimental to the interests of the people of the State.

Kurubur Shantakumar said that the State Government has amended the Land Reforms Act only to favour land sharks.

Maintaining that though the farmers and the working class have been vehemently opposing Land Reforms, APMC and Labour Acts, the State Government was ignorant of the plight of the farmers who have been protesting for long.

Shantakumar also alleged that there was shortage of fertilizer and sowing seed stocks in the State and the farmers were finding difficult to get farm inputs.

Accusing the Government of not convening a meeting with farmers to discuss farm issues, he urged the Government to announce a revised FRP for sugarcane.

Speaking after receiving a memorandum from the farmers, Somashekar said that he has been striving for the cause of farmers for long. He further said that a meeting with farmers has been convened on Sept. 26, during which a host of farmer issues will be discussed and solutions would be found.

Farmer leaders Attahalli Devaraj, Kiragasur Shankar, Ravi, K.R. Aravind, Prasad Nayaka and others took part.

Mandi Mohalla footpath encroachments cleared

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (RK&DM)- Continuing their drive against encroachment of public spaces, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities on Saturday cleared street vendors who had encroached footpaths in various streets of Mandi Mohalla.

Following complaints that rampant encroachments was severely affecting pedestrian movement on footpaths, the MCC authorities, led by Zonal Officer Kuberappa, cleared the encroachments using a JCB machine.

The authorities evacuated about 70 to 80 shops that had come up on footpath of Sawday Road, Meena Bazar Road, K.T. Street, Kabir Road and other prominent roads of Mandi Mohalla.

While some of the street vendors and shop owners vacated on their own, a few others resisted the move and entered into a verbal argument with the authorities.

However, the authorities cleared all the encroachments with Police providing security.

Senior Engineers felicitated

As part of Engineers' Day celebrations, Senior Engineers were felicitated by Samarpana Educational and Endowment Trust at its premises in city recently. Seen in the picture *(sitting from left)* ***Senior Civil Engineer Dr. D.V. Prahlad Rao, Senior Civil Contractor M.R. Ramesh, Civil Engineer and Valuer K.S. Nagendra and Consultant Y.N. Ranganath;*** *(standing from left)* ***Industrialist Jinadatta Roy, social worker and Trust Member G.P. Harish, Hon. Treasurer and Lecturer Rajendraprasad Honnalagere and Trustee Shobha.***

Artificial limbs distributed

On the occasion of the 105th Jayanti celebration of Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji, artificial limbs (Jaipur foot) were distributed to 10 differently abled persons at JSS Hospital auditorium on M.G. Road in city by Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) and Sudha Mruthyunjayappa, Trustee, Dr. C.N. Mruthyunjayappa Trust. This was sponsored by Lions Club of Mysore Royal City, Lions Club of Mysore East and Jain Milan Palace City. Seen in the picture are Dr. Surinder Singh, Sudha Mruthyunjayappa, Hemant Kumar Bhansali, President, Lions Club of Mysore Royal City, M.C. Bhansali, President, Lions Club of Mysore East & Founder President of Jain Milan Palace City, Dr. (Col.) M. Dayananda, Director JSS Hospital, Dr. Guruswamy, Medical Superintendent, S. Jeevan, PRO and Janet of JSS Hospital.

Karnataka signs MoU with Gujarat companies for oxygen supply

Bengaluru, Sept. 20 (SSV)- In the wake of reports of shortage of oxygen, the State Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gujarat-based companies for the supply of oxygen, said Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Talking to reporters here yesterday, he claimed there is no shortage of oxygen. But as a precaution, the Karnataka Government has signed a MoU with the Gujarat companies to get the supply whenever required. This will be supplied not only to the Government Hospitals but also to private hospitals.

He said as far as possible, the Government has ensured the supply of oxygen from industrial houses in the respective districts. Now, with the signing of MoU with Gujarat companies, there will not be any shortage of oxygen in the State.

Action must: Dr. Sudhakar said the State Government has fixed the rate for Corona treatment in private hospital. If any private hospital is charging exorbitant, the patients can bring it to the notice of the Government so that action will be initiated against the guilty. "We need to cross check the allegation of excess bill. Some Corona positive patients may be having multi-organ failure for which there will be a separate fee. There is a different between treatment for Corona and other ailments. This point must be kept in mind at the time of complaining," he said.

MP urges CM to release funds for Mysore Airport development

Mysuru, Sept. 20- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi on Saturday, submitted a memorandum seeking funds for development of Mysore Airport in Mandakalli and land acquisition for the Airport expansion.

Responding to the MP's plea, the Chief Minister has ordered the Finance Department Secretary to release Rs. 50 crore and also instructed to commence the procedure.

MP Pratap Simha also appealed the CM that there was a need for 240-acre land for the Airport expansion and 115 acre land has been identified by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) and urged the CM to release a minimum of Rs. 200 crore during the State Government's Budget to acquire the said land.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 10

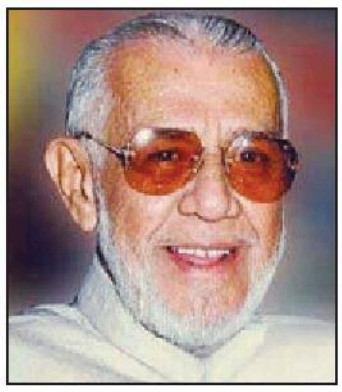
Azeez Sait, Tallest Minority Leader of Mysore City, State

When I came to Mysore for good in 1977, D. Devaraj Urs was the Chief Minister and Azeez Sait from Mysore city, NR Constituency, was a Minister. Azeez Sait was considered the right-hand man of Devaraj Urs as a Cabinet Minister. Devaraj Urs was Indira Gandhi's most favoured Congressman in Karnataka though he belonged to a minority Urs community. The reason was that he stood with her when INC split in 1969.

In the ensuing 1972 Assembly elections, as President of Indira Congress, Karnataka, he romped home victorious and Indira Gandhi amply rewarded him by crowning him as the Chief Minister, brushing aside claims of others. He was the CM from 1972 to 1977 and again from 1978 to June 1980. All through this period of rule, Azeez Sait was an important Cabinet Minister in Devaraj Urs Ministry.

Star of Mysore was started on 16th February 1978 and Azeez Sait was the Minister from Mysore city, hence all-important. I used to cover all his functions myself in those days and I found him a most volatile and outspoken Minister compared to others. It was easy to build a rapport with him as he was a good, helpful politician. Sometimes he would be tough depending upon the situation or the questions journalists ask. He was very articulate and carried a smile on his face that would disarm you. I liked him very much as a journalist.

I remember the days of cold war going on between Indira Gandhi and Devaraj Urs after Janata Party came to power in the Centre (post-Emergency) while here in Karnataka, under Devaraj Urs, Indira Congress came to power. It was the trusted Azeez Sait who was chosen to be Devaraj Urs' emissary to talk to Indira Gandhi and other Congress leaders in Delhi. I remember the day Azeez Sait was surrounded by an array of journalists (in those days of no TV) to get to know the NEWS and the smart way Azeez Sait would ward off those questions. However, Devaraj Urs was toppled by his own protege R. Gundu Rao, who was close to



Sanjay Gandhi and Azeez Sait

naturally found himself adrift, at a loose-end going with his friend Devaraj Urs for a time and later joining Janata Party in 1982 and becoming a Minister.

I guess among a very few Karnataka politicians Azeez Sait was the one who never saw defeat in electoral politics, no matter from which party, except one, that too by default of a confusing election symbol, if I remember right, when BJP's Maruthi Rao Pawar defeated him in 1994 from NR Constituency. No wonder he was a Legislator for an uninterrupted tenure of 17 years from 1967 to 1984.

Curiously, he contested the Lok Sabha elections from Dharwad South Constituency in 1984 (that year in October 1984, Indira Gandhi was assassinated) and won. Now let me get a tad personal.

Present BJP MP from Chamarajanagar V. Sreenivasa Prasad had also won the election as an MP in that year. That was the time *Star of Mysore* was planning to shift to its present location in Bannimantap with its own building and new modern Rotary Printing Machine. Sometime in 1986-87 Sreenivasa Prasad told me that he was going to Delhi to attend the session. I told him that since I had to visit a machine manufacturing factory at Noida, I would like to go with him to Delhi for a week. He was too happy and we landed in Delhi. When I told him that I was moving to a hotel as arranged, he insisted I should stay with him in his Quarters (or Hostel) with enough rooms and a regular kitchen running. I had to yield to his hospitality.

Once there, I was awestruck. He was running a *dasoha,* a free kitchen to all those who visited him from Karnataka. Indeed a generous host, attending to their problems, including getting the Railway tickets!

One afternoon, we both were getting out of the Parliament House and walking to our car. He was much ahead of me and at a particular point who do I see? M.S. Gurupadaswamy, Rajya Sabha Member. We exchanged pleasantries and I took leave of him. A few steps and across the road, whom do I see? Azeez Sait, MP, Lok Sabha, with his walking stick in one hand, in his usual spirit of 'hail the fellow well met' calling me by name 'Ganapathy, Ganapathy.' I always addressed him as Sir and asked, "Sir, what are you doing here?"

"Waiting for my vehicle. What brought you here?", he asked surprised.

I explained to him my errand and about Sreenivasa Prasad. "Where is he? Call him. I will drop you to your place." In the meanwhile Sreenivasa Prasad joined us and there was a comfortable conversation amongst us. Finally, Azeez Sait sprang a surprise. "Why don't you join me for dinner at 8 O' clock. I am lucky to get a bungalow allotted." He gave the address.

"Well Sir, if Prasad agrees I am ready," I said looking at Prasad. So it was we were at his house at the appointed time.

Both Prasad and I were surprised to find many people crowding his compound and also inside the house. However, as Sait was expecting us he had made arrangements to receive us. We were ushered in and seated inside the house while Sait was disposing of his supplicants. When he came to us, apologising for the 'mess' as he put it, Prasad asked "Who are these people? They are not from Karnataka."

"Yes, that worries me. Our people do not know how to get help from their MPs. These people are from Bihar and UP. Their MPs are busy otherwise, so those Muslims come to me!" It was a kind of revelation for me but our subject of conversation changed to our 'home ground' and family matters. What a wonderful, engaging conversationalist Azeez Sait was! I realised that more than a good politician, who transcended parochial sentiments, he was a good human being.

There was a black and white small portable TV on the table put in silent mode. For those days it was a novel gadget for me. I expressed my wonder and asked where I could get it in Delhi. "Why, take this. I don't need it," he was quick in answering. Of course, I said 'thanks' and forgot about it. Needless to say that the dinner, preceded with appetiser, was divine.

Sait was a heavy smoker, nay a chain-smoker so much so once at a public meeting in front of the City Railway Station entrance with Chief Minister Devaraj Urs on stage, he was busy taking the last puff of the cigarette before going on the stage. I was covering the function and heard the Chief Minister turning around and calling out Sait loudly to come on the stage in Kannada using a slang.

Once I had gone to the B.M. Hospital, where he was admitted and was surprised to see him smoking comfortably! Of course, on seeing Dr. C.B. Murthy with me he put out the cigarette with his disarming smile. He was a gentleman.

I also remember R. Gundu Rao, after his Chief Ministership, visiting my partner C.P. Chinnappa's house in Ramakrishnanagar along with Azeez Sait for lunch. Two days later Sait reciprocated with a lunch for Gundu Rao inviting my partner and me in his fabulous house with a balcony over the dining hall. Needless to say the lunch was heavenly meant for Gods but we humans allowed to enjoy! What a host Azeez Sait was. Very generous and attentive on his guests' needs. A colourful politician of our city whom I always remember. I am happy now his son Tanveer Sait represents his NR Constituency and carries on his rich legacy.

NOTE: *Nostalgically Speaking - 9 on 'S.G. Sanath Kumar, Head Master of Hardwicke High School' was published on Sept. 13. Watch out for Nostalgically Speaking - 11 on 'Kempaiah IPS: Officer Who Made A Difference' next week.* **—Ed**

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Hi-tech blood plasma extraction machine

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He added that the machine is being sent to Mysuru from Solapur in Maharashtra, manufactured by Span Diagnostics. The hi-tech machine has been purchased at a cost of Rs. 17 lakh. In plasma donation, as opposed to blood donation, only plasma is extracted and the other components of blood are returned to the body.

How does it work?

"In the normal process of plasma extraction, 350 to 400 ml blood is collected from COVID-cured patients that yield only 150 to 200 ml plasma after the process. Also, once blood is donated for plasma, the donor cannot donate blood for 90 days. With this machine, 500 ml plasma can directly be extracted from the donor. In this case, the donor can donate plasma after 14 days," Manoj explained.

During a plasma donation, blood is drawn from the donation arm by a pump into a sterile single use disposable kit inside the cell-separating machine. Inside the Apheresis machine, there is a blood processing chamber that spins (centrifuges) the blood, separating it into layers.

Red cells are heaviest and sit at the bottom, platelets and white cells are in the middle and plasma is at the top as it is the lightest. The Apheresis machine is programmed to detect the plasma and divert it into a collection bag with the rest of the blood given back to the donor (red cells, white cells, and platelets).

Helpful for patients

"There is a rising demand for plasma among COVID patients. Plasma is not easily available and the patient's attendants are forced to run from pillar to post in search of plasma from a recovered patient. People are also scared of stepping into a COVID hospital. This facility will help patients in need," Manoj Kumar added.

Those who had the disease, but have recovered at least 14 days before the donation can be considered for plasma donations although doctors prefer a time of three weeks between recovery and donation.

Co-op. Management Course

Mysuru, Sept. 20- Karnataka Institute of Co-operative Management, Sahakara Bhavan on Chamaraja Double Road in city, has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to six-month Diploma course in Co-operative Management. SSLC passed students aged over 16 years can apply. The course begins from Oct.1,2020. For details, call Ph: 0821-2520563, Mob: 94490-75746, 98459-18519 or 98456-95487.

Written exam for Police Constable posts held

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (RKB&DM)- The written exam for recruitment of Police Constable posts was held this morning at a total of 22 centres in the city.

Over 10,000 eligible candidates had registered for the exam at the city centres, which included St. Philomena's PU College in Bannimantap, Vidyavardhaka PU College, Maharaja's PU College on JLB road, Yuvaraja's College, Mahajana Public School, Jayalakshmipuram, Maharshi Public School, Visweshwaranagar, Teresian PU College and Marimallappa's College, among others.

The Karnataka State Police (KSP) had invited online applications for recruitment of Armed Police Constable (Men) and Civil Police Constable (Men and Women) on May 20, 2020.

Today, the KSP conducted the written exam for recruitment to a total of 4,014 vacancies, which included 444 Armed Police Constables (Men - Kalyana Karnataka), 1,005 Armed Police Constables (Men - CAR & DAR), 558 Police Constables (Men and Women - Kalyana Karnataka) and 2007 Civil Police Constables (Men and Women).

The City Police had clamped Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC in 200-mts radius of all the 22 exam centres from 6 am to 2 pm. Accordingly, no unauthorised persons were allowed to enter the vicinity of the exam centres and all the photocopy shops in the vicinity were ordered to shut down. The exam was conducted amid tight police security. City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and other top officials visited some of the exam centres.

Egg prices head north

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"Following the doctors' advice to eat at least two eggs a day to improve body immunity against the pandemic, the demand is high," Sheshanarayana said.

He said thousands of birds were culled recently due to bird flu and this has hit egg production. In Mysuru, the supply is over 27 lakh eggs as against the demand of 32 lakh eggs — a shortfall of 5 lakh eggs. "It will take at least four to five months for the prices to reduce. The rates might decrease during the Karthika Month in November but it will jump again. In 2017, the egg price had touched Rs.5.53 per egg. After that, the prices have now increased," he added.

Abul Kalam Azad of Star Egg Centre, one of the oldest wholesale traders of the city, opined the price would continue to rise till November-December.

The lockdown too hit the movement of transport vehicles and as such, the regular supply of bird feed from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat was affected. Subsequently, the culling of chicken following the outbreak of bird flu also contributed for the severe shortage of eggs.

Now, the feed supply is stabilised even farmers are happy with the current market rates. New birds have come from Namakkal, Hospet and Davanagere and they will start laying eggs in December. Till then, the prices may be same, say traders.

There are over 40-45 poultry farms including 25 big farms in Mysuru district. Each bird will lay egg from 18th week till 80th week. In all, each bird lays over 340-350 eggs.

Mini parks inaugurated at Vedanta Hemmige Circle

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (MTY&KS)- Two mini parks on two triangular vacant spaces at Vedanta Hemmige Circle on JLB Road in Lakshmipuram, developed by Santasa IVF Centre in association with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), was opened for public yesterday.

The two triangular parks were inaugurated by Mayor Tasneem and MCC Commissioner Gurudutta Hegde by planting a sapling.

The IVF Centre had submitted a proposal to the MCC to develop the empty spaces near SDM College as mini parks and as the MCC accepted the proposal, Santasa IVF Centre developed the empty spaces as mini parks.

Santasa IVF Centre Director Dr. Sowmya Dinesh said that the mini parks were developed by taking suggestions from MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and urged private firms to come forward and take up such development works to make Mysuru look beautiful.

In one of the mini parks, I *LOVE MYSURU* in capital letters has been installed, to make it a selfie spot. Corporator Sowmya, Dr. Pushpalatha and others were present.

AYUSH Dept. opens COVID Care Centre at KSOU premises

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (MTY&SSV)- Following increase in Corona Positive cases in Mysuru, Department of AYUSH has started COVID Care Centre (CCC) in the premises of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in city.

MLA L. Nagendra inaugurated the CCC yesterday and inspected facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, he said this was the first CCC established by AYUSH Department in the State. The number of Corona positive cases is increasing in the city and district due to some reasons and this CCC will provide treatment. As many as 154 men and 56 women could be treated at this CCC. Each room can accommodate 5-6 patients. Asymptomatic persons will not be admitted in this centre. The inmates will be treated with lehya, choorna and ayurvedic medicines to boost immunity power. Different playing items are kept for the entertainment of inmates.

ZP President Parimala Shyam, Health-Education Standing Committee Chairman Manjunath, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, AYUSH District Officer Dr. B.S. Sitalakshmi and Department Officers were present.

Comedian Rathnakar's tenth death anniversary tomorrow

Rathnakar

Mysuru, Sept. 20- Hasyanata Rathnakar Abhimanigala Balaga will observe the tenth death anniversary of renowned comedian Rathnakar at Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) office located on Thyagaraja Road in city at 11 am tomorrow (Sept. 21).

Rathnakar's granddaughter Sheshta K. Ragh will render the invocation. A one-minute silence will be observed as a mark of respect for the late actor.

Writer Bannur K. Raju will deliver a talk on the late comedian.

Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, K. Raghuram, Maddikere Gopal, M.D. Parthasarathy, Kupya Venkatram, Gopalrao, S. Ramprasad and others will be present on the occasion.

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Open drains causing problems to residents at Ramakrishnanagar

Sewage water which has become stagnant in open drain on 3rd Main 3rd Cross in Ramakrishnanagar 'H' Block is causing a lot of problems to the residents living in the surroundings. As weeds and plants have grown inside the drain, it is hindering the smooth flow of sewage water, which is now emanating foul smell, allege residents who also stated that there is increase in mosquitoes as the stagnant sewage water has become a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

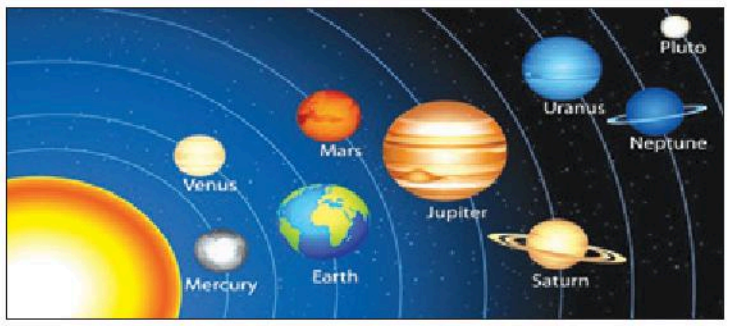
Plea to control stray dog menace at Vivekanandanagar

Stray dogs are creating nuisance round the clock at Vivekanandanagar 9th Main 3rd Cross forcing residents to spend sleepless nights while pedestrians and motorists are facing risk of being bitten by these strays, allege residents. They have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to solve the problem.

SKYWATCH

A mesmerising experience

Six planets galore in the evening sky at greater heights



Planet Watching' is one of the most enthralling, pleasurable and spell-binding experience. If we witness the sky on a dark, clear night we can see many hundreds of stars and few terrestrial planets. They are not alike; they are of different colours, and of course they differ in brightness. Planets move slowly among the stars, following patterns that repeat over months or years. In September and October, Indians are privileged to witness six mesmerising planets namely Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune — to fall in line forming a natural planetary conjunction.

This is a magnificent astronomical spectacle for amateur astronomers, astronomy connoisseurs and general public. The innermost planet of the solar system is 'Mercury.' As the Solar System's innermost planet, its orbit keeps close to the Sun, the planet is visible only shortly before or briefly after sunset. It is clearly perceptible as a magnitude star at approximately two-monthly intervals alternating between evening and morning twilight. It looks like a warm-white star, and binoculars often help us to spot it. Spotting Mercury means searching evening sky for a dot of light. Presently, it can be seen at around 7 pm (IST) immediately after sunset and is also regarded as 'Hostile Planet.' It is well-placed for viewing over the western horizon after sunset for northern hemisphere observing. In a telescope Mercury's apparent size and brightness vary according to its distance from Earth and place in orbit, with the planet showing phases like Moon.

'Venus' is second major planet in order of distance from the Sun. Even novice stargazers will have no difficulty finding brilliant Venus, often called the 'morning' or 'evening' star. Venus can be the brightest object in the sky after the Sun and Moon and allows a near-circular path some 106 million kilometres from the Sun, taking 225 days to complete one orbit. The most dazzling planet of solar system, Venus will be presently visible over the eastern direction before sunrise, and remains visible over the western horizon throughout the month. It can be clearly seen at 5 am (IST) in 'Taurus' constellation. In a telescope, Venus' opaque clouds usually appear featureless. Sometimes, however, observers are able to make out faint, dark patches on the white disk, probably the cloud features.

'Mars' is the resplendent yellow-orange planet in the solar system. Look for Mars to be high over the southeast direction at 10 pm. During night, we can clearly see the red planet and can be effortlessly noticed through naked eyes, provided the night sky is absolutely clear. Mars can appear at any place in the sky on the ecliptic, rather than always staying near the Sun, like Mercury and Venus. Mars appears no larger than a lunar crater. Typical first looks show an amber disk, some faint markings, and may be a whitish polar cap. Mars is having close encounter with Earth on Oct. 13. In the closer proximity of Mars, one can notice Uranus and Neptune. Presently, Uranus can be seen through a 10-inch Dobsonian telescope easily. But, if we wish to see to Neptune, require at least a 14-inch high resolution astronomical telescope.

Jupiter is the second brightest planet after Venus. A few weeks before and after the opposition on July 2020, Jupiter was extraordinarily bright, reaching a visual magnitude of about -2.5 to - 2.6. This was an excellent opportunity to observe Jupiter, its Great Red Spot and Jupiter's four largest satellites namely Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. These celebrated satellites of Jupiter can be seen in a binocular also. A telescope with a magnification of 40 times or above is preferred in observing Jupiter. The apparent magnitude or brightness factor of Jupiter during July and August is – 2.6. Note that, the negative sign convention indicates that, the brightness will be maximum and for the positive sign convention, the brightness will be minimum. For example, the magnitude of full moon will be about — 12 and it depicts exceedingly good resplendence.

In July, Jupiter came closer to our beloved mother planet Earth for the entire year, and Jupiter blazes most brightly in our sky, outshining the night's brightest stars by leaps and bounds. On July 14, Earth in its orbit swings between the Sun and Jupiter, an event that's referred to as 'Opposition of Jupiter.' From Mysuru, Jupiter will be perceptible between 7 pm and 6 am. It reached the highest point or pinnacle in the sky at around midnight local time. Jupiter can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius'. Even today Jupiter is exhibiting its unprecedented glamour and grandeur.

Analogously, on July 20, Saturn had rendezvous with Earth and shall be the right time to witness this gorgeous ringed planet. 'Saturn' is the sixth planet from the Sun and the outermost planet perfectly noticeable with the unaided eye. Saturn's rings are well-known and were explored in great detail by the Voyager and Cassini missions. Saturn's rings has unmitigated, disc-like, effortlessly conspicuous with even a small telescope, which envelops Saturn. Saturn reached "opposition" on July 20, 2020 and so it has its best visibility this month. The specialty of this astronomical happening is that, the planet Saturn becomes more beautiful, also the best time to witness the planet. On that day, the planet will be closer to earth. Throughout the night Saturn is discernible and more resplendent. From Mysuru, Saturn will be perceptible between 7.30 pm and 6 am. It reaches the highest point or pinnacle in the sky at around midnight local time. Saturn can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius'. Saturn appears cream-white in colour and is among the brightest star-like objects in our sky this winter. Jupiter and Saturn have planned to dominate this year captivatingly! But in between Jupiter and Saturn, there is Pluto and could be noticed through a high resolution telescope.

Enjoy watching these six staggering planets in September and October. Other than Mercury and Neptune, other planets can be seen through naked eyes avoiding the sophistication. Telescopes for planet watching need sturdy mountings and high-quality optics. Most observers use powers of 200x or less, due to unsettled seeing. Also useful are coloured filters, which accentuate specific features on planets.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Amateur Astronomer

Jayapura Police arrest two chain-snatchers

Five gold chains recovered, five cases solved

Mysuru, Sept. 20 (RK&KS)- Jayapura Police have solved five chain-snatching cases by arrested two chain-snatchers and recovering five gold chains besides seizing a bike used for the crime.

The arrested are 28-year-old Sunny Donald of R.S. Naidu Nagar and 22-year-old Kiran of Hinkal.

The Police, who took custody of the duo when they were moving around in a suspicious manner at Mandi Mohalla at about 8 am on Sept. 17, interrogated them at the Police Station, during which the accused are said to have confessed of snatching a gold chain from a 74-year-old woman at Somanathanagar on Aug. 20.

Following the arrest, the Police have solved two chain-snatching cases each at Jayapura and Mysuru South Rural Police Stations and one case at Varuna Police Station. The accused were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

Mysuru South Rural Sub-Inspectors V.C. Vanaraju and K.C. Mohan Kumar, Probationary Sub-Inspector Sadashiva Thippareddy and staff C. Jagadish, H.C. Ravi, Prasanna Kumar, P.V. Mohan, N.A. Ashok, S. Girish, Krishna, N.S. Girish, Nanjundaswamy, Satish, Thimmaiah, Arunesh, Raghavendra and Sadashiva took part in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Man arrested for smuggling live tortoises, deer antlers

Srirangapatna, Sept. 20- Forest Mobile Squad personnel have arrested a person, who was illegally transporting two live tortoises and deer antlers and have handed over the accused to the Zonal Forest Officers.

The arrested person is 38-year-old Madappa, a resident of Channahallibore village, near Mahadevapura in the taluk.

The accused was nabbed when he was transporting the tortoises and antlers near Varuna Canal bund at Hebbadi.

Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Shashidhar, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Sunitha, DRFOs Anand Gowda and Shivu took part in the nabbing operation.

SPB still on life support

after testing negative for COVID

SPB

New Delhi, Sept. 20- Singer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB), who recently tested negative for COVID-19 but is still being treated at a Chennai hospital, "has started oral food intake and has been practicing physiotherapy," said his son, producer-director S.P. Charan, in a video message on Saturday.

However, the 74-year-old singer is still on ventilator.

SPB was admitted to Chennai's MGM Healthcare hospital on Aug. 5 after he tested positive for the virus. He had mild symptoms when he was taken to hospital but after his condition worsened, he was moved to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and placed on life support.

Sharing details about his father's health, S.P. Charan said in a clip: "Appa continues to be stable. He continues to be on ventilator. All his other parameters are normal, there's no infection. His saturation levels are good, all of that looks fine. There's still some improvement needed in his lungs, his breathing and his strength. He is doing physiotherapy; he is able to sit up."

"He has started oral food intake. He has started since yesterday (Friday). So that should help him grow stronger and should take care of his vitals also," he added in the clip.

97 persons die on board Shramik Special Trains

Government tells Parliament in first such admission

New Delhi, Sept. 20 (Agencies)- The Government has informed the Rajya Sabha that 97 people died on board the Shramik Specials, admitting for the first time that migrant labourers lost their lives in the trains which were run to ferry them during the COVID-19 lockdown.

In a written answer to a question posed by TMC MP Derek O'Brien on Friday, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal provided the statistics to the Upper House of Parliament. "Based on the data provided by State Police, 97 persons have been reported dead till 09.09.2020 while travelling on board Shramik Special Trains during current COVID-19 situation/ crisis," the Minister said.

"The State Police registers case under Section 174 of Cr.PC in cases of unnatural deaths and follows further legal process," the Minister said.

Out of the 97 cases of death, the State Police sent dead bodies for post-mortem in 87 cases, the Minister said. A total of 51 post-mortem reports have been obtained from respective State Police Forces so far, in which the reasons for deaths have been shown as cardiac arrest/ heart disease/ brain hemorrhage/ pre-existing chronic disease/ chronic lung disease/ chronic liver disease etc., the Minister said.

The statement comes after the Government came under criticism when the Labour Ministry earlier this week informed Parliament that no data is available on the number of migrant workers who lost their lives during the 68-day lockdown enforced on March 25 to curb the spread of the COVID-19.

Shramik Special trains began operation on May 1 to ferry migrant labourers back to their home States during the lockdown period. In all, 4,621 Shramik Special trains were operated between May 1 and Aug. 31, carrying 6,319,000 passengers to their home States, the Ministry said.

"Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP)/ District Police," Goyal said.

"Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP/ District Police to provide better protection and security of passenger area & passengers and for related matters," Goyal said.

Senior press photographer D.H. Amar Das passes away

D.H. Amar Das

Mysuru, Sept. 20- D.H. Amar Das (83), a senior press photographer, passed away in the wee hours of today at his residence in city.

He leaves behind his wife Asha Das, children Preethi, Jyothi and Nithin and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar here this afternoon, according to family sources.

Amar Das, who completed his Diploma in Photography course at St. Xavier's College in Mumbai during 1956, had returned to Mysuru and took photography as a hobby besides collecting rare photos of various incidents.

He had also worked as a press photographer of various newspapers.

Obituary

Biddanda Tiny Achayya

Mysuru, Sept. 20- Biddanda Tiny Achayya (87), wife of late Biddanda M. Achayya, passed away on Sept. 18 at Bengaluru.

Biddanda Tiny Achayya, a long term resident of Mysuru, lived at Brigade Regal Apartment, 3rd Main Road, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru.

She leaves behind her son Biddanda Thimmaiah and family, residents of Bengaluru. Last rites were held at Bengaluru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Verbiage

Pronunciation: VER-bee-ij.

Meaning: A profusion of words usually of little or obscure content; manner of expressing oneself in words : diction.

Origin: Verbiage descends from French verbier, meaning "to trill" or "to warble." The usual sense of the word implies an overabundance of possibly unnecessary words, much like the word wordiness. In other words, a writer with a fondness for verbiage might be accused of "wordiness." Some people think the phrase "excess verbiage" is redundant, but that's not necessarily true. Verbiage has a second sense meaning, simply, "wording," with no suggestion of excess. This second definition has sometimes been treated as an error by people who insist that verbiage must always imply excessiveness, but that sense is well-established and can be considered standard.

Example: "One resident ... said during a virtual focus group that a lot of his community was concerned reading the changes of verbiage from 'flood control task force' to 'infrastructure resilience.'" — Paul Wedding

THE ODD WORD

Vacuefy

To produce a vacuum.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Under your nose

Meaning: If something is "under your nose," then you're oblivious to it even though it's right there in front of you.

Origin: As the saying goes, it's under your nose! So how long have people been using this expression? It's said that it dates back to at least the 1500s, but one cannot find any examples of it from that time. The earliest one could find it is from the 1600s. For example, the phrase is found in *The Copie of a Letter* sent from *The Roaring Boyes in Elizium,* from the year 1641:

"Can you my worthy hosts sit and see those
That make you weare od money in your hose,
Under your nose triumphing?" What about the alternative form that people use (where the word "right" is inserted in front)? The earliest one could find the form "right under your nose" is from a newspaper named *The Sydney Morning Herald,* November 1856:

"'Well, have you detected my forgery?' said he, with the greatest coolness, 'No,' replied the head expert laughing, 'for a good reason—you never sent it.' 'Why, there it lies right under your nose, the third to the left, and here is the original I took it from.'"

QUOTE BOX

Keep your nose out the sky, keep your heart to god, and keep your face to the raising sun. **—Kanye West**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Pussyfoot around.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	4	8	1	3	2	9	6
6	9	8	4	7	2	5	1	3
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4	7	5	3	2	1	6	8	9
3	1	6	5	8	9	7	4	2
8	2	9	7	4	6	1	3	5
9	6	7	1	5	8	3	2	4
5	4	3	2	9	7	8	6	1
1	8	2	6	3	4	9	5	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Heavenly bodies, as the sun and moon
5 Mumbai's terminus
8 An informal term for mother
12 Before as a prefix
13 Unseal - poetically speaking!
14 Eye part
15 Chanakya was also known by this name
17 None but the brave deserves the ____?
18 Frequently
19 Irony, sarcasm or ridicule
21 Happen or take place
24 Mar or damage
25 Small piece of land
26 The city of Jerusalem
27 Old time movie Anokhi ___
30 Even, contracted by a poet ?
31 Robinson Crusoe author
32 Cropped hairstyle
33 Penultimate mo.
34 Alternate, abbr.
35 The French for 'blue'
36 ___ Howe : inventor of the sewing machine?
38 To wrench away
39 Dangers or hazards
41 Roman seven
42 The constellation in which Canopus is located
43 Dupes or tricks
48 Legal right
49 Charged particle
50 Young female
51 Litter or miscellany
52 Equal opportunity employer abbr
53 Hearing organs

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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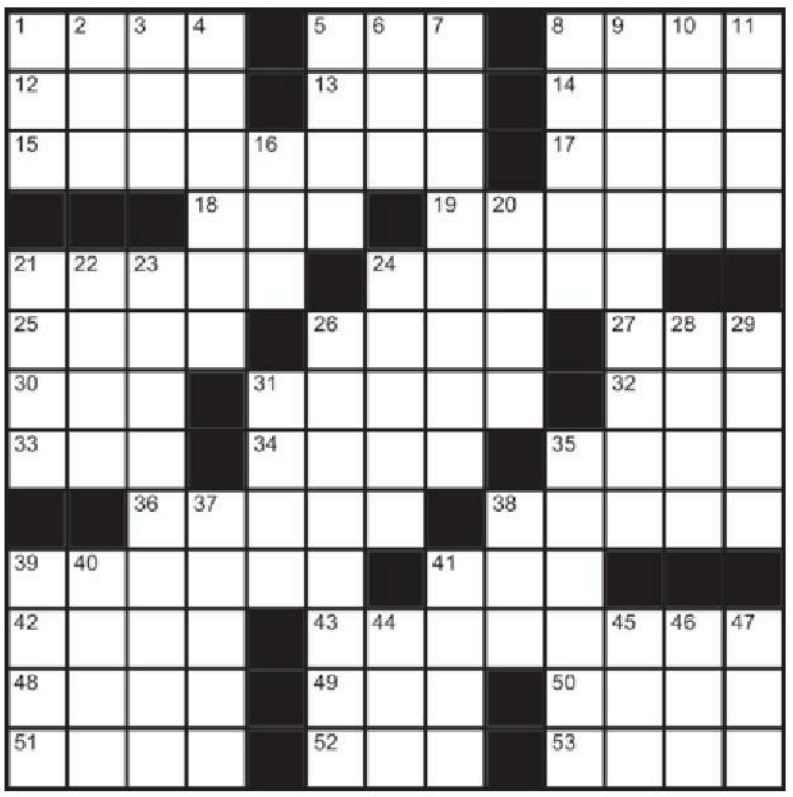
DOWN

1 Sturdy tree
2 Genetic info transmitter
3 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
4 Start, begin or commence (3,3)
5 A young horse or a famous revolver?
6 One who tries to get enemy information
7 Small kitchen measure
8 J&K's ___ Mohd. Sayeed
9 Handy or ready; convenient
10 Golda of Israel
11 Swiss river - change of "area"?
16 Instrument Flight Rules, acronym
20 Top-notch (1,3)
21 Remove the lid of a tin?
22 Nile queen for short - "Cole" anagram
23 Comes to a focal point
24 Passes through a sieve
26 Haile ___ : Emperor of Ethiopia till 1977
28 ___ away with : gets rid of?
29 Border on
31 Irish parliament
35 Card game
37 Powerful beasts
38 Don't lose
39 Tropical tree
40 Historic canal
41 Climbing-plant
44 To court
45 Debussy heroine
46 Transgress
47 Satellite Landing Sys.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DLRLED UXFG LERJWRAK X FAYNXLE

XQJTEN JP DLRLED TO.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A spoon does not know the taste of soup, nor a learned fool the taste of wisdom.

Indian Premier League 2020

Chennai Super Kings beat Mumbai Indians in opener

Ambati Rayudu of CSK in action during the opening match against MI in the IPL 2020 yesterday.

Abu Dhabi, Sept. 20- Chennai Super Kings (CSK) kicked off their Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 campaign with a five-wicket win against Mumbai Indians (MI) in Abu Dhabi yesterday. While Ambati Rayudu starred with the bat, Lungi Ngidi scalped three wickets. Faf du Plessis, meanwhile, shone with the bat and in the field and Sam Curran played a cameo in what was M.S. Dhoni's 100th IPL win as a CSK captain.

At the Sheikh Zayed Stadium, MI made an impressive start after put into bat. Rohit Sharma and Quinton de Kock did not waste any time to hit the ground running. The MI openers hit a four each in the first over bowled by Deepak Chahar.

The MI wicketkeeper-batsman continued to score at a brisk pace to power his team to 45/0 at the end of four overs.

But CSK managed to pull things back in the space of two runs as Piyush Chawala and Curran dismissed Rohit and de Kock respectively in the last two overs of the powerplay.

Saurabh Tiwary and Suryakumar Yadav then added 44 runs together before Chahar got the MI right-hander out in the 11th over.

Hardik Pandya was the next man to walk out in the middle and he announced his intentions straightway, hitting Ravindra Jadeja for two sixes in the 12th over. MI were 121/3 at the end of the 14th over, with Tiwary and Hardik batting on 42 and 13 respectively.

Then, unfolded the du Plessis fielding masterclass and it helped CSK fetch two wickets in the 15th over. His stunning work near the boundary rope first ended Tiwary's 42-run stay in the middle and then cut short Hardik's innings.

CSK continued to chip away as Ngidi picked up three wickets — Krunal Pandya, Kieron Pollard and James Pattinson — in the space of two overs. Chahar, meanwhile, added one more wicket to his tally, as CSK managed to limit MI to 162/9.

In the chase, CSK lost two early wickets as Trent Boult and Pattinson — two new entrants in the MI unit — dismissed Shane Watson and Murali Vijay in the first two overs. CSK needed a big partnership to stable the innings and Rayudu and du Plessis did exactly that, denying MI any immediate success.

While the two were initially watchful in their approach, neither missed out on the scoring opportunities to keep the scorecard ticking. Rayudu then brought up his fifty — first half-century of the season — in the 12th over before CSK crossed the 100-run mark.

The duo of Rayudu and du Plessis' 115-run stand was eventually broken when Rahul Chahar held on to a fine catch — running backwards on his own bowling — to end Rayudu's fine 48-ball 71-run knock.

While Jadeja hit a couple of fours, Krunal trapped the left-hander before the wickets, with CSK needing 29 runs off 17 balls. Curran, who joined du Plessis in the middle, brought down the equation to 16 off 12 balls, hitting a six and a four off Krunal.

Curran then hit Jasprit Bumrah for a six before getting out following his 6-ball 18-run cameo. du Plessis, who notched up a fifty, then sealed CSK's win with a four.

BRIEF SCORES

Chennai Super Kings: 166/5 (Ambati Rayudu 71, Faf du Plessis 58*; Trent Boult 1/23) beat **Mumbai Indians:** 162/9 (Saurabh Tiwary 42, Quinton de Kock 33; Lungi Ngidi 3/38) by five wickets.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (SEPT. 20)

DC Vs KXIP
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (SEPT. 21)

SRH Vs RCB
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

MI 162/9 (20 overs)
lost to
CSK 166/5 (19.2 overs)

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Online music lessons at Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Sept. 20- Corona has almost paralysed most of the sectors of the society. Culture is no exception. Music has suffered a lot. Musical performances have come to standstill. But many alternative ways are explored for artistic expression. Online programmes using platforms like Facebook and YouTube are tried. Ganabharathi, from the very beginning of the onslaught of the pandemic, took to online programmes. This has provided many an opportunity for the artistes to perform. Ganabharathi has also tried to help artistes financially.

Another area, which has suffered is music teaching. In order to address this issue, Ganabharathi has started online music classes.

It will be streamed every Monday at 9 am. Leading musicians teach one composition every week. This is available in Ganabharathi Facebook page and also YouTube.

Koviladi R. Kala

Script of the composition taught, is available on the Ganabharathi website. Leading musicians like Vidushi/ Vidwan R.N. Sreelatha, Koviladi R. Kala, R.N. Prashanth, Bellary Raghavendra, G.S. Rajalakshmi and Vasudha Keshav have participated in the programme with their students.

On Sept. 21, Vidushi Koviladi R. Kala will be teaching a composition of Mysore Vasudevachar Neranammiti in the Raga Chakravaka. This is twelfth in the series.

For details, contact Ganabharathi Secretary Venugopal on Mob: 99000-82773.

Virtual classes begin for first PU students

Drugs Compositor of New Zealand Society and Executive Committee Member of Australia's College Nutrition and Environmental Medicine Dr. Kamal Karl addressing the students during the launch of online classes for first year PUC (Science) of SVG Vishwaprajna Composite PU College through Google Meet. Managing Trustee Vishwanath Sheshachala and one of the participating students are also seen.

Mysuru, Sept. 20- The online classes through Google Meet for the students of first PUC (Science) of the SVG Vishwaprajna Composite PU College located at Dattagalli here was kick started recently.

Dr. Kamal Karl, Drugs Compositor of New Zealand Society and Member of Australia's College Nutrition and Environmental Department, was the chief guest.

While addressing the students, Dr. Kamal Karl said that there were ample of opportunities before the young generation and therefore we should now itself decide what we have to become in future.

He called upon the students to determine their own values and to take independent decisions so that life could be enjoyed fully.

He cautioned that today's youth were found watching electronic media day and night and it adversely affects their brain.

He advised students to develop concentration and it could be achieved by doing 'Yoga.'

Managing Trustee of the College Vishwanath Sheshachala, Treasurer S. Manohar, Trustee Dr. H.S. Ranganath, Administrator Dr. Kempegowda, Principal Rachan Appanamaiah, lecturers and students for first PUC (Science) were present.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 20)

JSS Mysore Urban Haat: Handicrafts Mela, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Outer Ring Road junction, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**

Rajasthan Grameen Mela: Expo-cum-sale of cloths & handicrafts, etc., Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 21)

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CORRIGENDUM - I

Name of the work : AMC for servicing of vertical storage systems at BARC, Mysuru. Please note the following changes in the above referred tender No.

Tender Sale Period	From 15/09/2020 to 30/09/2020 between 11.00 Hrs to 16.00 Hrs.
Last date & time for submission of Tender	30/09/2020 at 16.00 Hrs
Date & time for opening of Tender	30/09/2020 at 16.15 Hrs

Tender documents will be issued only in person and will not be issued by post or courier. Other terms & conditions will remain the same.

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Sl.No.	Post / Subject	Educational Qualification	Salary & Age
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Date of Registration / written test / interview	28.09.2020 (Monday)
Timings for registration of candidates	From 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Timings for Written Test	From 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 Noon (MCQ type) Subject matter –50 questions, 50 marks – Duration: 1½ hour
Venue of written test & Interview	Atomic Energy Central School, RMP Yelwal Colony, Hunsur Road, Yelwal Post, Mysore.

1. All degrees should be from recognized institutions.
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